

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments. Claim 143 has been amended and Claim 168 has been cancelled. Upon entry of this amendments, Claims 143-153 and 169-172 remain pending.

Applicants note with appreciation that in the Advisory Action, the Examiner has accepted the Terminal Disclaimer filed on August 23, 2006, and has removed the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Applicants also note that dependent Claims 168 and 169 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In this regard, Applicants have amended independent Claim 143 to incorporate the limitation of dependent Claim 168 and Claim 168 has been cancelled. Therefore, it is submitted that independent Claim 143 is now also in condition for allowance. Rejected Claims 170 and 171 are also dependent upon independent Claim 143. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance and such disposition is requested.

Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are due with the filing of this Response. However, if any such fees are due, please debit those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecute and or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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